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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises

1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 8th Guards Mechanized Division: The barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau (8241) was only lightly occupied on 31 July, the bulk of the 19th Guards Mechanized Regiment being at Koenigsbrueck. Elements of the 21st Guards Mechanized Regiment from Grimma were in the Otterwisch training area toward the end of July. Twenty-eight new armored personnel carriers were received by the division at Leipzig-Taucha on 28 July.

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- b. 9th Tank Division: Tank and artillery units of the division rotated to the Camp Zeithain training area between 22 and 29 July.

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2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

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- a. 2nd Light Artillery Brigade: Elements of the division with twelve 85-mm and 100-mm AT guns each went from Doeberitz to Forst Zinna on 3-4 August.

- b. 1st Mechanized Division: Elements of the 273rd Howitzer Regiment with 15 x 122-mm field howitzers and of the 41st RL Battalion with five rocket launchers were observed in the Jueterbog area between 20 July and 4 August. Elements of the 18th Engineer Battalion were at Lieberose between 25 July and 4 August.

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- c. 9th Guards Tank Division: Artillery units of the division with 14 x 122-mm and 4 x 76.2-mm field guns returned in two shipments from Luckenwalde to Neustrelitz between 31 July and 1 August. Tank firing details returned in one shipment from Hillersleben to Neustrelitz on 29 July. Troops with 14 x 37-mm AA guns were shipped from Neustrelitz toward Neubrandenburg on 26 July. The 90th Guards Engineer Battalion returned from Sandau to Neustrelitz on 1 August.

3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. On the evening of 31 July, elements of the 91st Army RL Regiment left Luckenwalde toward Werder-Markendorf. Prior to that time the regiment had remained at its post in Luckenwalde.
- b. 6th Guards Tank Division: A major exercise involving 5,000 men of the division as well as army troops was conducted in the Sperenberg-Stuelpe area between 26 July and 1 August. About 25 tanks, 100 armored personnel carriers, 200 motorcycles, 40 x 37-mm AA guns and 30 x 76-mm field guns were observed in the area.
- c. 9th Mechanized Division: Eight thousand men of the division were located in Camp Schoenhoehe of the Forst Tauer training grounds prior to 22 July. An equal number of men were stationed in the Drachhausen barracks.
- d. 7th Guards Tank Division: The bulk of the division was located in the South Section of Letzling Heath prior to 21 July. Shipments, presumably carrying AAA units of the division, went from Haldensleben to Jueterbog on 19 July.

4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. The engineer unit of the army was dispatched in one shipment from Templin to Lieberose on 25 July.
- b. 6th Guards Mechanized Division: Major elements of the division with tanks, artillery, and AA guns were engaged in exercises in the area south and southwest of Eberswalde and Bad Freienwalde between 27 and 30 July. A tank unit of the division was shipped from Berlin-Kaulsdorf to Biesenthal on 28 July.
- c. 25th Tank Division: A tank unit from Templin was engaged in firing practice in the southern section of Letzling Heath between 23 and 29 July.
- d. 10th Guards Tank Division: Ten T-34 and five JS tanks were sent for firing practice from Satzkorn to Letzling Heath after 2 August.
- e. 7th Guards Mechanized Division: Two shipments with elements of the division went from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose on 21 and 23 July. Other troops returned to Frankfurt/Oder in one shipment on 31 July.

5. 3rd Shock Army:

- a. The following numbers of troops and equipment were transferred for exercises and firing practice to Altengrabow and Magdeburg on 26 and 27 July: eight SU-76 guns, five 122-mm field howitzers, 26 x 122-mm field guns, and 1,400 men from Wismar; 13 x 85-mm and 10 x 57-mm AT guns, six 160-mm mortars and 1,000 men from Hagenow; and tanks from Schwerin. Seven shipments went to Altengrabow and five to Magdeburg.

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- b. Elements of the 136th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment with about forty tanks and SP guns were engaged in exercises in the Born area of Letzling Heath between 15 and 21 July.
- c. 94th Guards Rifle Division: On 20 July, elements of the 283rd Guards Rifle Regiment and of the howitzer regiment of the division were transferred from Hagenow to Boitzenburg for guard duty at the zonal border.
- d. 18th Mechanized Division: Guard details were exchanged between Perleberg and the Schweinrich troop training grounds on 23 and 26 July.
- e. 19th Guards Mechanized Division: Waldlager III of the Born troop training grounds was occupied by elements of the division on 21 July. Waldlager I was occupied by army units.

6. Eighth Guards Army:

- a. On 25 July, part of the training sites in the Rosslau-Aken area were still flooded.
- b. 43rd Artillery Brigade: On 26 July, units of the brigade apparently returned to Altenburg from Altengrabow.
- c. 28th Guards Rifle Corps: On 23 July, a unit of the 316th Guards Rocket Launcher Regiment, including nine rocket launchers, returned to Saalfeld. Another shipment, presumably returning from Altenbrabow, passed through Naumburg on the same day. On 24 and 25 July, as well as on 1 August, there was intensive firing with live ammunition from tanks, self-propelled guns, anti-tank guns and mortars in the Zeitz forest. On 26 July, units of the 308th Artillery Brigade, consisting of more than 1,000 soldiers and including a regiment with 24 x 100-mm anti-tank guns, were still stationed at Gera. Among the engineer units returning from the Aken area after about 20 July were elements of the engineer battalion of the 39th Guards Rifle Division, which went back to Saalfeld on 21 July; unit passing through Jena on its way toward Saalfeld on 22 July; shipment passing through Saalfeld on its way toward Probstzella on 24 July; and four shipments, presumably elements of one or more engineer battalions which were loaded in Dessau on 26 and 28 July and seemed to be headed for Thuringia.
- d. 29th Guards Rifle Corps: Prior to 1 August, the entire 76th Artillery Brigade was still stationed in Merseburg. The engineer battalion of the 157th Guards Rifle Division returned from the Aken area to the Hubertus Kaserne at Naumburg on 24 and 25 July.

7. IV Artillery Corps:

On 27 July, the 25th Guards Rocket Launcher Brigade received 14 new M-31 rocket launchers.

8. GSFG Units:

A number of soldiers and motor vehicles, apparently constituting a guard unit and including six armored personnel carriers and 40 motorcycles with sidecars, moved from Zossen to Haldensleben on 30 July. Three days later, a shipment carrying an engineer unit arrived at Lieberose.

9. Altengrabow Training Grounds:

- a. Occupation: On 29 July, the training grounds were occupied to capacity by about 10,000 soldiers.

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- b. Arrivals: On 29 July, elements of the 308th Artillery Brigade entrained in Gera for Altengrabow.
- c. Departures: On 30 July, other elements of the 303th Artillery Brigade departed in three shipments. On 27 and 28 July, two shipments with units of the 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade returned to Brandenburg.

10. Wustrow Training Grounds:

- a. Activity: Between 23 July and 1 August, elements of the 4th Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade from Prora practiced firing. While they had arrived by road, they returned to Prora by rail in four shipments.
- b. Departures: On 20 July, elements of the 63rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division returned to one shipment to Eberswalde. Another shipment with elements of the 32nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division went back to Frankfurt/Oder on the same date. On 23 July, two shipments carrying units of the 2nd Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division moved to Sperenberg. On 30 July, one shipment with elements of the 13th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division went to Weimar.

B. KVP Developments:

- 1. Training: On 20 July, the engineer battalion of the Division Schwerin returned from the Hohensaaten/Oder training area to Prora. On 23 July, elements of the anti-aircraft artillery school at Oranienburg returned from the Zingst anti-aircraft firing range. On 26 and 27 July, major elements of the Mechanized Regiment Hohenstuecken and elements of the Howitzer Artillery Regiment Gloewen were transferred to the training area east of Kietz, while units of considerable strength returned from that area to their posts in Oranienburg between 25 and 28 July. On 22 July, anti-aircraft artillery units returned to their posts from the Zingst area. Tank training in the Weisswasser area took place on 21 July: a small tank unit of the Mechanized Division Potsdam, probably a tank battalion, was the first unit to be observed there. Between 7 and 13 August, anti-aircraft target practice for the Mechanized Division Eggesin was announced in the Zingst area. During the last half of August, regimental exercises of the Prenzlau Division were to follow command-post practices. A map exercise of the Corps Nord, with the commanding officers taking part, was held from 28 July to 4 August.
- 2. Facilities: Strausberg airfield, now the site of KVP headquarters, is used by liaison aircraft. Reportedly the construction of buildings for the Sea Police and the Aeroclub has been scheduled.

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